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SUBJECT: APRISTA ACCUSED OF TERRORISM LEAVES PERU

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DECEMBER 28 LIMA PRESS PUBLISHED A MINISTRY OF INTERIOR COMMUNIQUE CHARGING THAT ALBERTO FRANCO VALERA WAS INVOLVED IN THE DECEMBER 15 BOMBING OF THE AUTOMOBILE OF DR. NOE RAMIREZ ZAPATA. COMMUNIQUE REPORTED THAT FRANCO HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE DRIVER OF HIS CAR BY WITNESSES WHO SAW AN ACCOMPANYING BUT UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL DESCEND FROM FRANCO'S CAR AND PLACE A BOMB IN RAMIREZ' CAR. COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT FRANCO HAD OBTAINED ASYLUM AT A LOCAL EMBASSY AND WOULD BE LEAVING PERU. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST VALERA UNDER THE TERRORIST ACT.

2. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE 44-YEAR OLD FRANCO, WHO IS AN APRISTA, A SURGEON AND THE FATHER OF SEVEN, TRAVELED TO BUENOS AIRES UNDER THE "DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION" OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR DIAZ DE VIVAR ACCOMPANIED FRANCO TO THE AIRPORT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. RAMIREZ IS THE DOCTOR OF PRESIDENT VELASCO'S FAMILY. HIS MERCEDES WAS APPARENTLY DESTROYED WHILE PARKED IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE AT MID-DAY.

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4. FRANCO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MISSION SOURCES AS ONE OF

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RASH OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS
WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER.

5. WEEKEND PRESS HAS ALSO GIVEN HEAVY PLAY TO AN ALLEGED
TERRORIST ATTEMPT ON GUIDO LOMBARDI ELIAS, A YOUNG
LABOR REPORTER FOR CORREO, WHO WAS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS.
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